

For Advanced Kids Learners

Book 2

Time to Talk

Lesson 7 The History of Football



- Warm-up questions



What game are they playing?
What do you know about this game?

- Read and learn

The History of Football

Football is the most popular sport in the world. Over 3.5 billion people watched the 2018 **World Cup**!



World Cup

a sports competition between teams from different countries

- Read and learn

Modern football started in the 19th **century**, but football is far older. More than 2,000 years ago in China, people played a game called Cuju. They kicked a **leather** ball through a small **goal**. This is the earliest form of football. In ancient Greece, people played with a leather ball too, but they were **allowed** to use hands. The Romans played an early kind of football too.

century

One hundred years.

1801-1900

**goal**

A place where players get the ball to score.

leather

Material made from the skin of an animal.

**allow**

To let or permit.

- Read and learn

Modern football was invented in England. In 1863, there was a big meeting and people made different rules for rugby and football. After that, people started playing football by the **rules**.

Be careful, Americans call football soccer. And in American English, football is a different sport.



rules

Set of instructions that people must follow.

- Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences.

goal World Cup leather century allow rules

1. My father and I always watch the _____ whenever he has time.
2. Mum wouldn't _____ me to join the swimming competition.
3. Ben always follows the _____ which made him the best player of the year.
4. His fans scream whenever he kicks the ball into the _____.
5. She loves to buy bags made out of _____.
6. Life in the 19th _____ was different from what it is now.

- Let's learn.

American Football vs American Soccer



60 min

carry the ball to the
opponent's end zone



90 min

score in the
opponent's goal by
kicking the ball



- Retell the history of football.

